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** AFRICA. An updated edition of the Africa on Shortwave guide is now available on the British DX Club web site. Compiled by Tony Rogers, Africa on Shortwave is a comprehensive country-by-country guide to domestic and external shortwave broadcasts from Africa, including selected opposition and target broadcasts to the African continent. It is in pdf format and can be downloaded at: http://www.bdxc.org.uk - see Articles Index (Dave Kenny, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 6020, ABC Far North relay from Shepparton for Apr 20 log via Johannesburg SA [DX Tuner, presumably]. Letter from Richard Dinnen, Manager of ABC Far North received in 20d with interesting background on Cyclone Monica and QSL statement "I can confirm that you heard our program, including my various announcements, and the news

from David Kernot, the evening program with Steve Austin. I would say the female voice you heard reading the cyclone warnings later on was Sharon Molloy, who did a very long night-time stint during the time the cyclone was crossing the Cape York Peninsula." Richard also stated the report had been passed to Nigel Holmes, the Transmission manager at Radio Australia for the technical details. Also sent a Cyclone Tracking Chart for Eastern Queensland and ABC Far North bumper/window stickers (Bruce W. Churchill-USA, DXplorer May 16 via BCDX via DXLD)

** BELARUS. 11930, R.Belarus, Minsk. Euro pops, disco-style fare 0413, occasional announcements. Relay of HS program 1, 20/5 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW, Icom R75, Horizontal Loop, ADXN via DXLD)

** BELGIUM. Glenn, I checked RVI on Friday evening (19 May) for the "Flanders News" slot in English. It is only carried on MW 1512 kHz. The RVI SW relay via Moscow on 13685 carried Dutch (// 1512) until close at 1755 with RVI ID and jingle. Only 1512 continued with English. I haven't been able to check the morning Flanders News yet (0756 UT). 73s (Dave Kenny, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sneaky; looks like the English has been scheduled to fall right when SW goes off (gh, DXLD)

** BHUTAN. Here`s the full version of the item I summarized earlier:

Bhutan Broadcasting Service (BBS) recently awarded Thomson for the supply and installation of new shortwave transmitting equipment to modernize its Sangaygang Station and improve the nationwide service.

Scope of delivery includes the DRM ready Thomson 100 kW shortwave transmitter TSW 21OOD [sic, evidently from optical scan], Thomson Skywave 2000 DRM frontend equipment Stratus (DRM Modulator/RF Exciter) and Cirrus (DRM Encoder/Multiplexer), a new quadrant antenna HQ 1/0.3, 5/6 MHz, 300 Ohm as well as station auxiliaries.

BBS will be broadcasting on the frequencies 5035 kHz, 6035 kHz, and 7500 kHz. The existing 50 kW shortwave transmitter, installed and taken into operation at Sangaygang by Thomson in 1988, is still being used. The Sangaygang Station is located 2660 m above sea level, close to the capital city Thimphu.

With an area of 47'000 square miles an a population estimated at around 750'000 inhabitants, more than 90% of Bhutan's population is living in rural areas. The terrain is mostly mountainous, making a widespread FM coverage very cost-intensive. A total of nine FM stations are located around the urban areas. Thus shortwave is clearly the most important media [sic] for nationwide coverage. BBS broadcasts in Zhongka and Nepali, the two main local languages.

Thomson won this project against international competition, whereby a main decision factor was the excellent after sales service offered by Thomson since 1988 and the trust put in the company's proven digital DRM expertise.

The new equipment is scheduled to go on air beginning of 2007 (Radio News, Spring 2006 - Published by Thomson Broadcast & Multimedia, Issue 22; May 18, 2006 via BCDX via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 3325, BRASIL: R. BR Gospel (R·dio Mundial), S„o Paulo-SP, portuguÍs, 20/05 1948. OM/YL: apresentaÁ„o de programa crist„o, com coment·rios sobre endereÁos de igrejas em S„o Paulo. // com 660 kHz (ondas mÈdias). Esta freq¸Íncia continha a portadora acionada por diversas semanas sem ·udio da emissora. Num paralelo com 660 confirma-se que se trata da R. BR Gospel, que em sua identificaÁ„o menciona ëR·dio Mundialí, e n„o ëNossa Vozí, como È divulgado no WRTH2006. 35433 RWG. Rx: Kenwood R-1000, ant.: Vertical 6 m, Degen DE-31 (Rudolf Grimm, RecepÁ„o efetuada em boas companhias da Adiel Nunes (S„o Caetano-SP) no meu QTH em S„o Bernardo, SP, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So what does BR stand for? See also MADAGASCAR (gh)

** CANADA. Not good reception from CBC Northern Service for the Saturday Night Special on 9625, this Sunday 21 after 0300. There was this co-channel station I assume YLE Finland, which never have bothered here before. Happily left by 0330 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, May 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. RCI 7235 (Skelton) --- The RCI schedule in DXLD 6-075 also includes antenna details, and they are especially interesting for the long-established 7235 from Skelton, still in use for French 1900-2000 and English 2000-2100: It is an HR 2/2/0.3, and I assume this is the case already for many years. But now Europe is no longer the official target area, only zone 37N anymore [Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Spain, Portugal --- CIRAF map via gh]. Certainly no matter of programming tailored to individual target areas, 7235 is // to 5850 (Hˆrby) which officially serves Europe.

I wanted to point this out because it reminds me on the BBC's practice with 15485: Europe is no longer a target area since they decided to cut back the shortwave service to Europe to a few hours in the morning and evening. But the transmitter is still on throughout the day, using the same broad beam and putting the same solid signal into Central Europe as before.

So what are the rationale behind RCI's changed 7235 presentation? During the last years RCI cut back the shortwave service to Europe rather heavily but kept a really low profile at this matter, much

unlike the BBC.

Anyway: At present 7235 is between 2000 and 2100 a battleground, since it is from 2000 also occupied by China Radio International via Albania, shown with 193 degrees azimuth and zone 38W as target area. Apparently nobody identified this frontal clash so far, since RCI should be really able to persuade their partner to move to some other frequency (/Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. FESSENDEN ANNIVERSARY TO BE COMMEMORATED BY CANADIAN AMATEURS

Canadian amateur radio operators will have special prefixes available for use from June 10-July 9, 2006 to mark the 100th anniversary of Canadian-born Reginald Fessenden's voice transmission by radio. The following are the regular/special prefixes for this event, VE/VX, VA/VG, VY/XK, VO/XJ. Thanks to VE2AWR.
http://www.callsign.ca/indsp.php

Look for many during the Canada Day Contest on July 1, 2006 (Wade Smith, VE9WGS/VX9WGS, New Brunswick, May 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAYMAN ISLANDS. Caribbean > SC FM Es results/UNIDs today [sic]

1113, 101.9, ZFKY Cayman Islands, Georgetown (965), with RDS PI: 1E50 PS: "....YMAN" PTY: Country AF: 101.9

1120, 99.9, ZFCC Cayman Islands - Cayman Brac (967), with RDS PI: 1FD7 DPS: ...Best Music Today... PTY: Top 40 AF: 99.9. IDed as "Z99"

(Fred Nordquist, Moncks Corner, SC, 33.21756N 79.95798W, FM03AF, May 21, WTFDA via DXLD)

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** COLOMBIA. 6140, Radio LÌder; 0220-0230+, 16-May; M in Spanish with variety tempo tunes; ID spot every couple of tunes; "Rom·ntico Radio LÌder". SIO=3+33 till 0226 when suddenly covered by Rebelde (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 680, 0639 16/4, R. Nacional de Colombia. Not listed in WRTH, but very clear ID. Fair with deep fades. TY (TIWAI DXpedition, NZ, with Ray Crawford, SPR4; Stu Forsyth, AOR7030+; Arthur De Maine AOR 7030+; Paul Aronsen, Kenwood R5000 and Yaesu 8800; Steven

Greenyer, Palstar R30; David Headland, Drake SPR4. All of these were hooked up to a variety of longwires and amplified EWEs, May NZ DX Times via DXLD)

We already discussed the identity of this and other RNC frequencies several weeks ago in DXLD (gh)

** CUBA. Caribbean > SC FM Es results/UNIDs today [sic]
1158, 103.1, Havana, Cuba, (712), with ID "Havana Cuba: Easy/organ music (Fred Nordquist, Moncks Corner, SC, 33.21756N 79.95798W, FM03AF, May 21, WTFDA via DXLD)

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** CUBA. RHC, English to Caribbean, Sat May 20 already starting DXers Unlimited at 2101 on 9505 which was running about a semisecond ahead of // 11760, both with good modulation now. Among other things, Arnie said they are testing a new antenna on 11760, at least at 05-07, which has 6 dB gain over the previous one, making for 400 kW ERP which isn`t much these days, but helpful up to 2 megameters. He too pointed out that sporadic E is hopping now. DXUL ended at 2118. Meanwhile, strangeness on 9550: 2058 wrapped up Venezuela relay, 2059 one minute in Arabic, 2100 back to RHC Spanish.

As I was tuning between HCJB`s Portuguese frequencies, 11920 and 12020, around 0118 May 21, I still heard pulse jamming against nothing on 11990, presumably from Cuba; with BFO on it sounds like bubble jamming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. En el programa de hoy de "En Contacto" por Radio Habana, Manolo De La Rosa informa de la muerte del Ingeniero fundador de RHC SeÒor Jorge Incl·n a sus 89 aÒos en la Habana. Lamentable su muerte. (Dino Bloise, FLORIDA, EEUU, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FalleciÛ el Ingeniero Jorge Incl·n. Escuchando hoy en la maÒana el programa "En Contacto" de Radio Habana Cuba, me he enterado de la triste noticia del fallecimiento del ingeniero Jorge Incl·n, personaje que se encuentra entre los fundadores de la querida emisora internacional Radio Habana Cuba.

Recuerdo que muchas veces escribÌ al programa En Contacto solicitando y haciendo preguntas sobre cosas tÈcnicas de antenas y propagaciÛn y el ingeniero Incl·n diÛ respuesta muchas veces a mis inquietudes, asÌ como a las inquietudes de muchos diexistas que escribÌan a la radio preguntando por cualquier tema tÈcnico.

En el programa de hoy se le rindiÛ un homenaje muy bonito colocando un archivo donde el colega locutor Norberto Hern·ndez, fundador de En Contacto, habla con el ingeniero Incl·n de los inicios de la radio en Cuba.

Para los que tuvimos la oportunidad de escucharlo, su voz siempre estarÈ presente dentro del mundo de la radio y el diexismo.

Atte: (JosÈ ElÌas DÌaz GÛmez, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yo tambiÈn recuerdo con agrado las charlas tÈcnicas para ``En Contacto`` de RHC de parte del Ing. Incl·n. De alguna forma las habÌa venido extraÒando durante el ˙ltimo aÒo, asÌ como los acertados reportes de propagaciÛn de Arnaldo Coro; pero lo tomÈ como cambios obligados a dicho programa tras la inclusiÛn de Manolo y Malena. Otro bastiÛn humano de la historia de la radiodifusiÛn cubana que se nos va. Otra de esas buenas y agradables personas de las que no parece haber repuesto, que nos remiten a esa Cuba tipo Tres Patines. Hasta siempre, amigo Incl·n --- °Atajaaa --- Cosa m· grande la vida, chico! 73 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

De Jorge Incl·n, conservamos en lo personal y creo que tu tambien un programa de En Contacto, donde hablaba sobre la ilegalidad de las transmisiones de radio desde EEUU destinadas a Cuba, con una muy buena exposiciÛn legal de la UIT sobre el porque son una, seg˙n Incl·n "agresiÛn radial". La cual me llegara mediante cortesÌa de RHC. Queda en nosotros su recuerdo y lo aprendido en su voz (Gabriel GÛmez, Uruguay, condig list via DXLD)

Creo que aquÌ tienes una foto del seÒor Jorge Incl·n: http://www.radioreloj.cu/Revista%20semanal/Rs04-12-3-00.htm (JosÈ Miguel Romero2, Spain, condig list via DXLD) Abajo a su escritorio (gh)

** CUBA [and non]. I once bought The Legendary Tom Jones ñ 30th Anniversary Album specifically for ``To Make a Big Man Cry``, a song you easily don`t hear nowadays like the rest of his conventional repertoire. Wandering on the BC band on this our Sunday 21 wee hours, 0930 Z, caught my attention on 620 was playing this tune.

Twenty kc/s down, the same song. So, no wonder this had to be Cuba, but I didnít hesitate to check 5025, without going some more kc/s down and 560 had exactly the Tom Jones song. Being tuned on the 60 mb I learnt they were playing a string of songs by TJ, including his cover of ``Little Green Apples``. Went back to the BCB and 670, and weakest of all 770, were all the same Radio Rebelde. No announcers, just through songs. Really, there was a special path for Cuban signals as conditions were not that good.

Radio Bahamas 1540 as usual. No regular KWKH 1130 Shreveport. La Voz EvangÈlica de Honduras 1040 (poor //4820). JBC Jamaica 720 lost. And KLIF 570 Dallas in the bottom. No trace of the several Colombians and Panamanians that visit us in the nighttime (Raˇl Saavedra, Costa Rica, May 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. Ran across HCJB`s Portuguese DX program ``DX-HCJB``, UT Sunday May 21 at 0114, half-way thru, on 11920, which had slight CCI, Morocco listed, but stronger than clearer // 12020 aimed further down into Brasil. CÈlio Romais was in the midst of his DX news report, quoting DXLD about CVC-4990; he pots up some music between items, tho we don`t really need a such respite from what he is saying. 0117 immediately into another report, this one from Jailton C. Amaral of the Santa Rita DXC, who never seems to deal with current DX news; 0120 Andean music break, 0121 host of show, Eunice Carbajal [first name Portuguese, surname Spanish] did read some DX news by Jorge of the same club. She speaks Portuguese with a Spanish accent. This was over by 0125 or so, program filled out with gospel rap, which is sure to win souls for Jesus (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. I noticed your question about HCJB. I am using DREAM for DRM reception. The receiver is a Ten Tec RX-320D. While on the subject of HCJB DRM, Doug at HCJB wrote a few days ago on the Reception Reports Forum at http://www.drmrx.org concerning future DRM tests:

"We will probably do some more tests in June. We have one of our DRM developers in Ecuador at the moment and he is doing some work on our content server, so we have moved that unit in to Quito for the time being. However, we are developing a test plan that will also include Europe which will start sometime around the middle or end of June." Thanks again! Best regards, (Jeff Imel, Muncie IN, May 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 11950, Radio Cairo; 2315-2329+, 16-May; Arabic vocal music to M in English after pips at 2316:30; announced news but played anthem first. No ID till end of news at 2328 (neutral viewpoint in news), then Spotlight on the Middle East. All in English after 2316. SIO=4+53, not muted like 9990, but subdued like another OC there (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Re: 6-076. The FIFA World Cup to start on June 9th, 2006. (Ydun Ritz, Denmark, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Bremen 936 kHz --- Radio Bremen gives this matter quite some publicity, see http://www.radiobremen.de/bremeneins/intern/sendemast/index.html where you can also find a radio and TV piece about this matter.

Note that they paint the mast in green, not white/red. No flight security issues here, because the mast is only 45 metres tall. The antenna is a special construction, designed to be as cheap as possible. Detailled description and pictures:
http://www.waniewski.de/id259.htm

This small mediumwave facility replaced the original Radio Bremen transmitter site, abandoned in 1999 and meanwhile removed entirely. Here you can find a sketch of this gone site:
http://www.biener-media.de/0936.html

For FM they replaced the Bremen-Lehe station by leased T-Systems transmitters. And soon they will replace their own radio house by studios in leased promises as well (/Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

** GHANA. 4915, Ghana Broadcasting Corp.; 2317-2336+, 12-May; Reggae tunes M announcer in English talking over music & singing along; greetings to Deborah of the GBC. SIO=333-, fady but mainly on top. Sounds like 2 QRM stations, one is English -- mixing product or something new? (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** GOA. 17810, 1115 23/4, INDIA, AIR Panaji (Goa), vgd at sign-on in Tamil 23/4, audio a bit overmodulated and signal level varied considerably over the period monitored. At 1136 DX feature marking Marconiís birthday. Transmitter closed 1215. BCM (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, NZ, with AOR7030+ and 15 metre random wire, May NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** INDIA. Live Commentary of ODI Cricket Matches between India & West Indies --- All India Radio will broadcast live commentary & other related programmes on the ODI cricket matches being played between India Vs West Indies as per the following details: -

Live Commentary on Medium Wave & FM-Gold Channels:

DATE	TIME (IST)	PROGRAMME
23.05.2006	1850-0250	3rd ODI at St. Kitts
26.05.2006	1850-0250	4th ODI at Trinidad
28.05.2006	1850-0250	5th ODI at Trinidad

The following 65 Medium Wave stations shall relay the commentary. . .
(via Alokesh Gupta, dx_india via DXLD)

I give up; what does ODI stand for? This item did not say anything about SW, altho previous matches were reported on extended SW transmissions. AIR considers it not worth mentioning? Anyhow, look for those 60 and 90m channels as late as 2120 UT on UT May 23, 26 and 28. This extension, of course, is of no help in North America (Glenn

Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also GOA

[Re 6-076] AIR Bhopal on 3315 kHz came booming in with this cricket match on Friday (Finnish) evening time. The signal was S=9+10dB at times, almost no interference and almost no noise (very irregular propagational conditions "Indiavise"?). Thanks for the tips! 73 de (Matti Ponkamo, Naantali, Finland, Drake R4-C, 20 m dipole, May 22, HCDX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4870.9 RRI Sorong (presumed), May 19, 1130-1201, with SCI just before ToH, fair. Best on USB, to get away from 4869.94, which I assume was Wamena, but too weak to make out much (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4869.94, RRI Wamena 1230-1300 May 15. Noted at low level with music to 1300 SCI and Jak relay. Also heard today (May 16) at 1135 below the noise level, and still there at 1300 per spot checks.

4870.9, RRI Sorong 1133-1145* May 16. YL talk to 1145, then off without fanfare. Band noise high today so could not make out much of talk. Sorong and Wamena hetting against each other, solved by using USB and LSB, respectively. Although both have been somewhat irregular, especially Wamena, they have both been very stable on their respective frequencies for several years (John Wilkins, CO, DXplorer May 16 via BCDX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 7289.88, RRI Serui, (Irian Jaya). In Indonesian, ID as RRI, then had relay from Jakarta for news. Volcano update, 0800 sport update 0815 with soccer scores. 16/5 went past 0820 WRTVH sign-off to go to 0830 (John Wright, Cataract Scout Park [NSW?], Australian DX News via DXLD)

7290, RRI Nabire. Fair at times, but very noisy, with Indo talk at 0802-0805, 16/5 (Dennis Allen, ibid.) Serui or Nabire? Needs a studio ID here -cs (Craig Seager, ADXN ed.)

** INDONESIA. 9680, RRI Jakarta, May 21, 1000-1020, KGRE program #5107, requests text messages be phoned in with the answer to: What is the capital of Australia?, song ``Bound for South Australia``, interview with two students from Indonesia who received scholarships to study in Australia, fair. Glad to hear them back, as they were off on May 14 and 17.

15150, VOI, May 17, 0951-1000, weak, could have been in English but not positive, 0956 usual canned English ID for VOI and their website. 9525 not heard (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Not DX related, but I am listening to XM Radio, the 60s channel, and they occasionally run old jingles, etc., from AM stations of the 60s, which used to carry music (Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc WI, Radio is TV with imagination, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

Actually every Friday afternoon the classic Top40 DJ Terry Young inter-mixes classic Top 40 stations airchecks in with his show and acts as if he were the DJ on that station of that era. Mostly 60's and 70's airchecks. He will also mix in the original DJ's from the airchecks, commercials and the jingles, etc. Makes it like you are listening to the original station, sort of. It's very good stuff! It's also entertaining to see how he tries to make the mixes work like going from the aircheck as the song is starting into the digital equivalent - obviously in stereo and much higher fidelity! BN (Bill Nollman, ibid.)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS [non]. Special Event station NJ2BB Battleship New Jersey is on 18161.7 usb and 7262 lsb. http://www.nj2bb.org/ 73 (David Ross, ODXA via DXLD)

Already? Links to Museum Ships Weekend, June 3-4 (gh, DXLD)

** IRAN. Saludos cordiales, hoy 20 Mayo he podido escuchar el cierre de la emisiÛn de La Voz de la Rep Isl de Ir·n en Ruso a las 1930 por la frecuencia de 6205, se supone que Èste servicio es de 1800 a 1900, a las 1930 comienza el servicio en inglÈs, quiz·s un cambio de horario? (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So it seems, unless some kind of mistake; recheck next days, please (gh, DXLD)

Re this from JosÈ and Glenn --- of course this could be something new, and only checking will prove one way or the other. But, IRIB is well known for airing transmissions at times they should not be on air according to their schedule. I have listened to some of them only to hear the transmitter drop off air part way through the broadcast. How and why this happens only their technicians know, but it can be frustrating to the listener! 73 from (Noel R. Green (NW England), ibid.)

** IRAN. Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting via Zahedan, 3945, verified in 38 days with a no data Khaju Bridge ñ Esfahan (17th Century) card with the usual assortment of religious material and program schedules and a letter from the English (External) Service group. The QSL was blank except for mentioning I listened to the English program, which was not what I reported. Disappointing, although they did ask for my phone number for an interview! At this point I might consider trading a full data QSL for Zahedan for my

phone number (Rich DíAngelo, PA, June ADXN via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. KOL ISRAEL 70TH ANNIVERSARY WEBSITE - mostly Hebrew:
http://kolisrael70.iba.org.il/

The Hebrew website has history, pictures, copies of original newspaper articles, words of commemoration from public figures, etc

All that is in English is a short historical summary page (copy and paste URL together):

"Kol Yisrael ñ A story of 70 years"
http://kolisrael70.iba.org.il/kol70.asp?classto=InnerKlaliType&type=201&entity=122405&topic=0

Video of the Director General of the BBC congratulating Kol Israel on its 70th anniversary (in English)

http://switch5.castup.net/frames/20040704_IBA_Popup/iba_video.asp?ai=31&ar=50_1_2006-05-16_163741

Hebrew program commemorating the first Hebrew broadcast of Kol Israel in Hebrew from the Palace Hotel -- where it all started. Including original recordings, interviews, historical information 2.5 hours

http://switch5.castup.net/frames/20040704_IBA_Popup/iba_audio.asp?ai=31&ar=50_1_2006-05-20_205658

Very short commemorative clip:

http://switch5.castup.net/frames/20040704_IBA_Popup/iba_video.asp?ai=31&ar=50_1_2006-05-16_163734
(Doni Rosenzweig, May 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAMAICA. Caribbean > SC FM Es results/UNIDs today [sic]
1010, 89.1/89.5 - KLAS-FM, Jamaica, (1026) both heard, with RDS on 89.1 PI: 3001 PS: KLAS-FM PTY: Top 40, AF 89.5 89.9 (Fred Nordquist, Moncks Corner, SC, 33.21756N 79.95798W, FM03AF, May 21, WTFDA via DXLD)

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** JAPAN. Re 6-076: It has always been kind of a challenge for listeners in northern Europe to receive shortwave signals beamed directly from Japan. I would think this is also the case in the UK.

Still I would like any UK DXer to comment on reception of 11970 at 1700-1800. This transmission is intended for Europe. (I can hear their Gabon relay intended for Africa on 15355, but I cannot trace their direct transmission for North America on 9535). BTW, NHK has had regular transmissions in Swedish ever since 1960 (Henrik Klemetz, LuleÂ, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This Saturday evening reception here in Copenhagen was at 17 UT SIO 433, improving by 1730 to SIO 444. 15355 was SIO 454. 73 from a rainy Copenhagen, (Erik K¯ie, 10 C., Sunset at 21.20 local time, ibid.)

** KUWAIT. Does anyone have an e-mail address for R. Kuwait please? I have gone through the ones at WRTH with no luck (Luigi PÈrez-DÌaz, NP4FW, PR, HCDX via DXLD)

http://www.lyngsat-address.com/or/Radio-Kuwait.html
(Reijo Alapiha Joensuu Finland, ibid.)

** KYRGYZSTAN. KYRGYZ REP, "Kyrgyzskaye Radio" in Russian: 0000-0015 UT News, 0015-0030 Orthodox religious program, both in Russian, on 4010 and 4795. May 14, earlier were news in English, or there are only on weekdays? (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX May 19)

** LIBYA [non]. I can confirm that there is English from Voice of Africa right now (14-16 UT May 22) on 17725 and 17850 kHz but with heavy buzz. Signal in Copenhagen is approx. S9+10dB. They had a late start in English at around 1404. 73, (Erik K¯ie, Denmark, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [and non]. 17665//17670 Voz de ¡frica, 1200-1300, escuchada el 21 de Mayo en ·rabe a locutor con noticias, ID "Idahat al jamaeriya al de Ouzma", en 17680 la misma emisora pero con emisiÛn musical. Desde las 1300-1400, sÛlo la emisiÛn en 17665 y 17680, no se escucha a Sawt Al-amal ni la emisiÛn jammer musica afro-pop (Jose Miguel Romero EA5-1022 Burjasot (Valencia), EspaÒa, YAESU FRG-7700, SANGEAN ATS 909, Antena RADIO MASTER A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

May 22 hi-latitude propagation was poor, but good signal on 17665 at 1417, still at 1515, not so much African music, but French in the sesquihour spillover music jammer; better than Gabon on 17630 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Solar-terrestrial indices for 21 May follow. Solar flux 78 and mid-latitude A-index 5. The mid-latitude K-index at 1500 UTC on 22 May was 2 (11 nT). No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours (SEC via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 6020, WYFR, via Madagascar, English, 20/05 1940.

Programa religioso, OM: talks. Mr. Harold Camping respondendo perguntas de ouvintes ligando para a emissora. Incrivelmente a WYFR em sua transmiss„o para a ¡frica neste hor·rio cobre por completo os sinais da Radio Ga˙cha. Desta, nem sinal quando a WYFR transmite via Madagascar. 35543 RWG (Rudolf Grimm, RecepÁ„o efetuada em boas companhias da Adiel Nunes (S„o Caetano-SP) no meu QTH em S„o Bernardo, SP, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. [SARAWAK], 7270, RTVM Kuching 1300-1313 May 12. Two pips to 1300, apparent time check ("Sembilan..."), then ten minutes of news by YL. Thought I heard "Radio Malaysia" right after pips, so don't know if this was Wai FM or not. Anyway, pretty good signal (John Wilkins, CO, DXplorer May 14 via BCDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. XEXQ SLP was active again Sunday morning May 21 on 6045: 1235-1300 classical piano music, good modulation, poor signal, with usual SAH. Tough to get an ID due to paucity of announcements, but I have no doubt this was it. At the beginning of this period also heard some English on 6030, probably CFVP. A good morning for such, not much T-storm QRM tho there was a little cluster of lightning around OKC (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. W Radio (690 AM), Southern California's newest all Spanish-language news, talk, sports and entertainment format announced today the launch of an issues-oriented advertising campaign. The advertisements openly address illegal immigration as well as other social issues impacting the Hispanic community. As the newest all-talk, all-Spanish-language radio station in Southern California, W Radio offers listeners timely community information and a forum that encourages discussion.

The campaign, "W Radio is Where My Voice is Heard" encourages open debate on Hispanic community issues, and a medium for listeners to voice their opinions. For example, the copy in advertisements read:

Headline: HR 4437 Tagline: You have heard this enough. Now let your voice be heard. W 690 AM. Your voice. Headline: The immigrants are stealing jobs from the Americans Tagline: You have heard this enough. Now let your voice be heard. W 690 AM. Your voice. Headline: The undocumented are criminals Tagline: You have heard this enough. Now let your voice be heard. W 690 AM. Your voice.

The ads speak to W Radio's listeners who are deeply committed to their life in the United States and who care about the local issues that affect them, but are also connected to their country of origin through family and friends. The advertising campaign appears in Southern California's high-density Hispanic communities with more than 400 out-

of-home media units including bill boards, bulletins and bus shelters.

"Our ads reflect comments from the Hispanic market and our role is to provide a fair and open forum for our community to participate in and express their views," said Phil Estevez, general manager of W Radio 690. "We are committed to being the best community-based source for reliable news and information to Hispanics in Southern California."

Owned by Grupo Latino de Radio (GLR), W Radio 690 brings 75-years of world-class experience and programming expertise to Southern California. The station launched in greater Los Angeles in February, 2006, on XETRA-690AM, a station previously known as The Mighty 690. W Radio 690 offers Hispanic audiences the newest radio format and exclusive programming in Southern California.

Notable daily shows of W Radio include, veteran's Max Aub and Eduardo Blancas' morning show, Hoy por Hoy, a lively debate giving listeners a platform to discuss current issues effecting the Hispanic community in Southern California; Martha Figueroa's Secretos W, a celebrity gossip show; Pasion W Sports, hosted by Francisco Javier Gonzalez and Fernando Gonzalez, the official voice of the LA Lakers; A Calzon Quitao an informative program hosted by Alessandra Rampolla addressing critical sex-education issues such as safe sex and protection, HIV, contraception, among others; and De Regreso a Casa, hosted by Gustavo Vargas "El Chubidu" who uses humor, irony, and sarcasm to communicate information with a clever mix of reality and fiction.

About W Radio 690 AM

W Radio 690 AM is Southern California's newest all talk, news, sports and entertainment Spanish-language radio station. It is part of the W Radio network of stations, owned and operated by Grupo Latino de Radio ("GLR"), the world's foremost Spanish language radio group. GLR has a presence in nine countries including Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, Spain and the United States. GLR stations attract more than 24 million listeners every day. In 2004, GLR launched GLR Networks in the US to supply Spanish-language radio stations with world class programming including news, talk, commentary, sports, music, special reports, and entertainment. From PR Newswires (via SDRadio.net via Greg Hardison, DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. 12085, V. of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar. Good reception of interview with visiting naturalist from USA concerned with conservation of Mongolian fauna, particularly the Siberian tiger. Best audio from this outlet for a long time, 1020 12/5 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Yaesu FRG100 and 140m. Horizontal loop antenna), ADXN via DXLD)

** MYANMAR/BURMA. 5986, R. Myanma (presumed), May 20, 1345-1417, fair, in SE Asian language, sounded like traditional indigenous music (gongs, drums, etc.) and western instrumental music, faded out by 1420 (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW CALEDONIA. 729 kHz, 0844 15/4, Radio Nouvelle CalÈdonie, Poor/ fair under others. // 666 TY (TIWAI DXpedition, NZ, with Ray Crawford, SPR4; Stu Forsyth, AOR7030+; Arthur De Maine AOR 7030+; Paul Aronsen, Kenwood R5000 and Yaesu 8800; Steven Greenyer, Palstar R30; David Headland, Drake SPR4. All of these were hooked up to a variety of longwires and amplified EWEs, May NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Re 6-076, should read: Yet another anomaly at RNZI. Current schedule shows 9870 changing to 7145 at 1259/1300, but May 19 at 1332 they were still on 9870, nothing on 7145, with talk show about medical problems with someone from Dunedin; better reception here on the higher frequency, of course, so I am not complaining (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

May 20 they were back on 7145 after 1300. But further anomaly: UT May 20 at 1958 on 15720, a news magazine from Europe was rudely interrupted for a frequency change announcement by YL: ``please retune to 15720``!! But, but, we were already tuned to 15720; previous frequency not mentioned. IS followed for two minutes as 15720 remained on air, 2000 TS and into RNZ News At Eight. According to current posted schedule: 1851-1950 on 9630 and 15720, 1951 onwards via 15720 only. Possibly the announcement was meant for 9630 listeners only, but at the wrong time. Seems like I had tuned into 15720 already earlier than 1950 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Discussion of TV stations which still sign off, KOCO and OETA: See U S A

** OKLAHOMA. The Sooner State finally gets the MONITORING TIMES treatment: SCANNING OKLAHOMA, a 4-page article in the June 2006 issue, pp 14-17 and more on 26 (gh, Enid, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7120, Wantok Radio Light (presumed), May 22, 0938-0959, man with religious sermon in English, weak (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNIDENTIFIED 4950

** PERU. PrÛxima reactivaciÛn de Radio La Hora, Per˙. Saludos cordiales Glenn, le adjunto un mensaje recibido del seÒor Carlos Gamarra, director de frecuencias de Radio La Hora en Per˙, donde me comunica una reactivaciÛn de esta emisora para dentro de dos semanas; no conozco a esta persona y tampoco tengo posibilidad de confirmar ninguna emisora de aquella zona, pero me permito informarle por si usted tiene m·s posibilidades de verificar esta noticia. Atentamente

(JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Adjunto mensaje:

Estimado JosÈ, te escribo desde Cusco, Peru. Soy director de frecuencias de Radio La Hora. En dos semanas m·s emitiremos nuestro nuevo banderÌn de Radio La Hora que opera en 4855 kHz, banda de 60 metros. Quiero comunicarte tambiÈn que por razones de orden econÛmico, la gerencia de la estaciÛn con Edmundo Montesinos a la cabeza, est· reduciendo el tiempo de uso de nuestro trasmisor. Ahora ser· de la siguiente manera: de 5 am a 9 horas y de l8 a l9 horas de lunes a viernes [M-F 10-14, 23-24 UT].

Quisiera informar para vuestro conocimiento general. Gracias, JosÈ, cordiales DX. La ˙ltima tambiÈn colabora con los diexistas del mundo para conseguirles QSL de Radio Sicuani, Radio Cusco, entre otras, como R. Tawantinsuyo de Cusco, Radio Wilcamamayu que est· operando en 3l m desde el Cusco. Chau (Carlos Gamarra, adalidcusco @ hotmail.com via JMR2, DX LISTENING DIGEST) was no punxuation or capitalization (gh)

{axually this is about issuing a new pennant, and reducing existing hours of transmission}

** PERU. Radio Virgen del Carmen, 4885 kHz. Tarjeta QSL impresa en papel para foto en b/n [monochrome]. Verificada por director general JosÈ Santos LÛpez Alvarado. Carta personal demorÛ 9 dÌas.
DirecciÛn:
Plaza Bolognesi 142 Cercado
Huancavelica - Per˙
Telefax: 51-67-451257
Web : http://www.radiovirgendelcarmen.com
E.mail: jlopez_alvarado @ hotmail.com
Datos:
Frecuencias: 99.1 FM, 1580 AM, 4885 OC
Transmisor: Potencia 1 kilovatio
Horario de TransmisiÛn: De 5:00 am a 9:00 pm [1000-0200 UT]
La mayor parte de la programacion es en quechua
(CÈsar Rojas Gordillo, Per˙, ConexiÛn Digital May 21 via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 19th May, heard at sign on 15510 kHz (after BBC Thailand cleared). Radio PILIPINAS English service. SIO 454 signal, 15510 frequency not announced.
12025 15120 15270 announced.
(Ron Killick, Christchurch NZ, ICF 6800W LW 40m, HCDX via DXLD)

Radio PILIPINAS at 0200-0330 UT
11885 Tinang site 250 kW at 283 deg azimuth.
15270 Tinang site 250 kW at 283 deg azimuth.

15510 Tinang site 250 kW at 315 deg azimuth.
(Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.) Too close to R. Australia 15515. So now only one of the frequencies announced is correct (gh, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Extended 40m ham band 7100-7200 kHz in Russia, max. power 1000 watt. ERWEITERTES AMATEURFUNK 40-M-BAND IN RUSSLAND.

Neue gesetzliche Regelungen erlauben russischen Funkamateuren die Nutzung des Frequenzbereiches von 7100 bis 7200 kHz. Dies berichtet der Vorsitzende des russischen Amateurfunkverbandes SRR, Roman Tomas, RZ3AA. Formal tritt die Regelung zwar erst am 26. September 2006 in Kraft, effektiv kann der Funkbetrieb aber schon seit der Veroeffentlichung beginnen, so RZ3AA. Weiterhin duerfen russische Funkamateure mit der hoechsten Genehmigungsklasse nun legal 1000 W Sendeleistung unterhalb 30 MHz mit Ausnahme auf 135 kHz und 1,8 MHz nutzen. Auf UHF und VHF sind fuer EME-Betrieb 500 W zulaessig (DARC Rundspruch May 17 via BCDX via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. See the excerpt below for a current summary of relays via CIS facilities. Note also that the announced usage of 801 by Narodnoye Radio started already on April 10, daily 0300-1500 but with 150 kW "only" (in the past Radio Leningrad was on air here with 1000 kW). (Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Since April, 10, 2006 on frequency 801 kHz (the Krasny Bor, 150 kw) works Moscow Narodnoye Radio. Time of an output(exit) in an ether - daily from 03.00 Till 15.00 (Alexander Berezkin, Sankt-Peterburg, Rus-DX via Ludwig, ibid.)

** RUSSIA [and non]. FOREIGN RELAY VIA SHORT WAVE TRANSMITTERS
OF RUSSIA AND COUNTRIES OF CIS. 26/03/2006 - 28/10/2006

kHz	UTC	kW	Radiostation
Moscow / RUS			
7175	2200-2300	250	CRI
7225	1930-2000	200	CRI
7350*	1630-1745	250	FEB
7440	1900-2000	250	YFR [see discussion under USA non]
7515	1900-2100	040	DWL DRM
9490	1900-2000	250	YFR
9690	0400-0600	040	DWL DRM
12035	1830-1930	200	CRI (7200) [what does this mean? See below]
12085	1600-1630	250	BBC –Œ-–‘ [days of week? garbled]
12085	1600-1700	250	BBC ”¬,◊” [days of week? garbled]
13685	1700-1800	250	VRT

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Sankt-Petersburg / RUS

7130	1800-1830	400	CRI	
7390	1600-1630	200	TWR	
12065	1600-1700	400	CRI	(7130)
13685	0600-0700	400	VRT	

Samara / RUS

5810	1800-1900	250	YFR	
7320	2030-2130	500	CRI	
7370	1900-2000	250	YFR	
7435	1800-2000	250	YFR	
9475	1600-1645	250	TWR	Mon-Wed
9475	1600-1630	250	TWR	Thu, Fri
9825	1800-1900	250	IBR	(5935)
12120	1700-1730	250	VOL	Mon, Thu
12120	1700-1800	250	VOP	Tue, Sat
12120	1700-1800	250	DER	Wed
12120	1700-1800	250	VOE	Mon, Sun
15260	1600-1700	250	LBT	Wed, Fri, Sun
15260	1600-1700	250	ERI	Thu
15530	0400-0500	250	FEB	Mon-Thu
15530	0400-0530	250	FEB	Fri-Sun

Krasnodar / RUS

6015	0400-0445	200	BBC	
6245	1445-1630	100	TWR	
7180	0100-0200	500	BBC	
7320	0230-0330	200	BBC	
7375	1730-1930	200	DWL	
9495	1530-1700	200	FEB	
9850*	1530-1645	250	FEB	
11510	1400-1600	300	YFR	
15655	1600-1630	300	FEB	
11680	0600-0800	200	BBC	
11825	1630-1700	250	RPR	
11855	0330-0430	200	BBC	
12030	0930-1130	200	BBC	
12060	1900-2000	250	YFR	
12130	1730-1800	200	RHR	Sat-Thu (7590)
12130	1800-1900	200	VOD	Sun (7590)
13575	1330-1430	250	DWL	
15460	0500-0530	250	BVB	Mon, Wed
15460	0500-0545	250	BVB	Fri
15525	0800-0900	250	DWL	
15535	0630-0700	300	SIR	Mon-Fri
15660	1500-1600	250	VOU	
15695**	1800-1900	300	FSC	** alternative 15675 kHz

* 26/03/2006 - 22/09/2006

Novosibirsk / RUS

6210	1230-1300	100	VAT
7115	2200-2300	500	DWL
7390	1800-1830	200	RPR
7580	1300-1700	250	YFR
9445	0015-0145	200	TWR
9445	1300-1545	250	TWR
9500	1400-1515	250	FEB
11660	2300-2350	500	DWL
11990	1300-1500	200	VOA
12035	0200-0300	250	FEB
12055*	1315-1400	500	VAT
12075	1200-1300	500	RFI
12075*	2315-2400	250	VAT
15560	0200-0330	250	VAT

* 26/03/2006 - 02/09/2006

Irkutsk / RUS

5880	1500-1600	100	FNK
5890	1400-1500	100	SHI
5890	1900-1930	100	SHI
7150	2200-2300	250	VOA
7210	1500-1700	250	FRA
7320	1500-1545	250	FEB
9395	1230-1545	250	TWR
9450	0900-1200	250	YFR
9900	1000-1200	250	DWL
11705	0300-0700	500	RFA
11830*	2200-2245	250	VAT
11895	1200-1400	250	YFR
11965	2200-2400	500	DWL
12025	0930-1030	500	FRI
12025	1100-1200	500	RFI
13710	1000-1100	250	RNW
17710	0230-0300	250	BBC
17860	2300-2400	500	DWL

* 08/05/2006 - 03/09/2006

Chita / RUS

6205*	1315-1400	500	VAT
7220	1400-1500	500	RFI
7250**	1300-1330	500	DEG Tue, Thu, Sat ** alternative 7350 and 7420
15135	2300-2400	500	DWL

* 03/09/2006 - 28/10/2006

Khabarovsk / RUS

9900	1300-1400	100	RNW

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11830* 2200-2245  100  VAT
12065  1130-1250  100  BVB
13820  1000-1100  100  RNW
* 26/03/2006 - 07/05/2006 and 04/09/2006 - 28/10/2006

Komsomolsk-na-Amure / RUS
 6225  1300-1350  250  DWL
 7380  1000-1100  250  YFR
 9720  2200-2300  250  DWL
11830  2300-2350  250  DWL
13785  0000-0045  250  VAT

Vladivostok / RUS
 7205  1230-1300  250  IBR
 7330  1100-1530  500  BBC
 7370  1030-1055  250  DWL
 9460  1030-1055  250  DWL
11660  0000-0100  200  DWL
12005  2200-2300  500  RFI
12045  2200-2300  250  RFI
12075* 2315-2400  250  VAT
15535  2330-0030  250  RFA
15595  2300-2400  250  RFI
*  03/09/2006 - 28/10/2006

Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy / RUS
 5880  1300-1400  250  RNW
 5910  1030-1145  100  BVB Sun
 7430  1000-1200  250  DWL
 9450  1200-1300  200  IBR
12065  1000-1100  250  RNW
15135  0000-0100  250  DWL
15470  2030-2100  250  VOA
15640  2200-2400  250  DWL

Almaty / KAZ
 7420  2200-2400  500  DWL
 7430  2200-2300  500  DWL
 9355  1530-1600  200  VOO Tue, Fri
 9380  2330-0015  200  TWR (7410)
12150  1100-1500  500  TFR
17845  1000-1200  500  DWL

Gavar / ARM
 7365  0030-0130  100  FEB
15480  1430-1530  300  DVB

Grigoriopol / MDA
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6015	2000-2200	500	RNW
7360	2000-2200	500	YFR
7460	0230-0315	500	RPD
7480	1800-1845	500	RPD
11530	0400-1600	500	MEZ
13800	1630-1715	250	RIN
17660	1200-1400	250	SAM

Nikolaev / UKR

7520	1600-1700	250	YFR
11820	0800-1400	500	BBC
13660	0445-1200	250	BBC

Orzu / TJK

7540	1500-2200	500	RFA
7540	2300-2400	500	RFA
17525	0300-0700	500	RFA

Yangiyul / TJK

6020	1600-1630	200	RFI
7465	1600-1700	200	RFA
9350	0100-0200	200	RFA
9370	1600-1700	200	RFA
9395	2300-2400	200	RFA
9975	2330-0030	200	RFA
11520	0100-0200	200	RFA
11540	0030-0130	200	RFA
11540	1100-1500	500	YFR
13825	1500-1600	200	RFA
13830	1100-1400	200	RFA
15680	1200-1300	200	QHR Mon-Sat
15695	0100-0300	200	RFA
17510	0600-0700	200	RFA
16mb*	1055-1520	100	VOT

* various frequencies in the specified range

Tashkent / UZB

6240	1800-1900	100	SPR Thu
7355	0100-0300	100	CVC
7375	0030-0100		FEB
7430	1500-1545	200	BBC
7485	1400-1500	100	BVB Thu, Fri
7510	1400-1500	200	YFR
9345	1400-1600	100	RNW
9495	1700-1900	200	YFR
9530	1400-1500	100	FEB
9530	1700-1800	100	RFI
9855	1400-1700	100	CVC

9865	1330-1500	200	BBC
11520	1300-1400	200	YFR
12065	1300-1400	100	RNW
12065	1430-1600	100	VAT
12070	0100-0400	100	CVC
13630	0400-1100	100	CVC
13685	0300-0600	100	CVC
13745	0100-0130	200	BBC
13745	0330-0500	200	BBC
13820	1100-1400	100	CVC
15565	0500-0700	200	BBC

(...) 03/09/2006 - 28/10/2006 [frequencies in () start in Sept]

BBC - British Broadcasting Corp.
BVB - Bible Voice Broadcasting Network
CRI - China Radio International
CVC - CVC International
DEG - Degar Voice
DER - Dejen Radio
DVB - Democratic Voice of Burma
DWL - Deutsche Welle
ERI - V. of Eritrea
FEB - FEBA Radio
FNK - Open Radio For North Korea
FSC - Radio Free Southern Cameroons
IBR - IBRA Radio
LBT - Voice of Liberty
MEZ - Voice of Mesopotamia
QHR - Que Huong Radio
RFA - Radio Free Asia
RFI - Radio France Internationale
RHR - Radio Horyaal
RIN - R. Anternacional
RNW - Radio Nederland Wereldompoep
RPD - Radio Payam-e Doost
RPR - Radio Prague
SAM - Sawt al-Amal / V of Hope
SHI - Shiokaze (Radio Sea Breeze)
SIR - Sudan Interactive Radio
SPR - Û–≈√…¡ÃÿŒœ≈ Ú¡ƒ…œ
[sic --- a free online translation turned this into uregjbmshope tbdjp which still doesn`t seem quite right --- gh]
TWR - Trans World Radio
VAT - Radio Vaticana
VOA - Voice of America
VOD - Voice of Delina
VOE - Voice of Ethiopian National United Front

VOL - Voice of Oromo Liberation
VOO - Voice of Orthodoxy
VOP - Voice of Ethiopian People
VOT - Voice of Tibet
VOU - Voice of Unity
VRT - Radio Vlaanderen Internationaal
YFR - WYFR Family Radio
(Nikolay Rudnev, Stroitel, Belgorodskaya oblast, Rus-DX May 21 via DXLD)

** SAMOA AMERICAN. AMERICAN SAMOA RADIO AND TELEVISION

The following is a listing and description of FM radio and television services operating in the American Samoa market.

FM Radio Stations
92.1 KSBS Commercial ñ Samoa Technologies Inc.
Variety programming, Samoan emphasis.
93.1 KKHJ Commercial ñ South Seas Broadcasting.
93.7 KKHJ Western District Translator.
American style ``hit music,`` local news. English.
95.1 KULA-LP Religious ñ Pacific Islands Bible School.
Christian and public affairs programming. (Church of Christ)
104.7 KNWJ Religious ñ Showers of Blessings Radio.
Christian music and talk. (Assembly of God) Samoan

TV Stations
2 ñ KVZK American Samoa Government.
News, Sports, Public Affairs and Local Culture. US PBS network programs. Operates 6 am to 12 pm daily. [UT -10]

5 ñ KVZK American Samoa Government.*
US ABC and CBS programs. 1 week tape delay. Operates 6 pm to 12:30 am daily, 3 pm to 12 am weekends.

11 ñ K11UU Religious ñ Pacific Channel Samoa. (Bill Hyman)
ABC Australia, New Zealand news and sports. Bahai Faith.

30 ñ WVUV-LP Commercial, NBC ñ South Seas Broadcasting. Pending construction. US NBC network, local news.

Cable ñ Pay TV Service
American Samoa Cablevision.
Replay of major US cable networks on 2 week tape delay as well as a few live satellite feeds. American owned. Tape programs provided by Comcast San Francisco area.

Local Originated Cable Channels

4 ñ Malama TV Malama Communications Inc. US Fox network, Samoan culture and local news.
10 ñ Island Music Channel South Seas Broadcasting. Music videos.
13 ñ Info Channel ñ South Seas Broadcasting. Advertising.

*KVZK channel 5 will be changing from the NTSC broadcast standard to the ATSC digital broadcast standard. The change will allow high definition transmission and extra programming capacity. (ATSC receiver or converter required.)

*Although out of market commercials are aired on KVZK channel 5 as part of programming, American Samoa Government is prohibited from accepting compensation. Local advertising is prohibited.

Please note that many religious broadcasters in American Samoa are licensed as commercial (Compiled 25 April 2006 by David B. Musick, American Samoa Government, Office of Public Information via David Ricquish, May NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** SAMOA. NEW TV CHANNEL AIMS TO REACH 95 PER CENT OF COUNTRY | Text of report by Radio New Zealand International on 22 May

Samoa has a third free-to-air TV channel. TV3 is owned by the family of former government Minister of Trade and Tourism Hans Joachim Keil. The chief executive of the new station, Atanoa Herbert Crichton, says it is locally financed and aims to provide alternative programming and better dissemination of information to the viewing public. TV3 can now provide coverage to about 60 per cent of Samoa but over the next eight weeks the company expects it will be able to extend this reach to about 95 per cent of the country. The company will also operate a second channel carrying religious programming on behalf of the Mormon Church. Source: Radio New Zealand International, Wellington, in English 1100 gmt 22 May 06 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** SOMALIA. 6960, R. Shabele, Mogadishu. Weak signal in discussion in unID language then bursting into song. What is there to sing about in strife-torn Mogadishu? 1953 13/5 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Yaesu FRG100 and 140m. Horizontal loop antenna), ADXN via DXLD)

Altho nothing much else is known on this frequency, perhaps we are not 100% certain this is really Shabele? Hmmm, here`s more (gh, DXLD)

PRIVATE SOMALI RADIO STATION TEMPORARILY CLOSED DOWN IN BAIDOA BY ARMED MILITIA | Text of report by Somali independent Shabeelle Media Network website on 22 May

The Shabeelle Radio station in Baydhabo [Baidoa, south-central Somalia] which has been operating normally has been closed down by a

group of armed militia after the radio station conducted an interview with a Digil and Mirifle clan chieftain.

In the interview with Shabeelle, the clan elder launched a scathing attack on the Speaker of the Somali parliament, Sharif Hasan Shaykh Adan, and the manner in which he is going about in setting up an administration for Bay Region.

The militia group stormed the radio premises in the town of Baidoa at around 11 a.m. this morning, arrested the radio journalists, ordered them to switch off the radio transmission equipment and get out of the building, according to the Shabeelle reporters in Baydhabo.

The occupation of the Shabeelle Radio station in Baydhabo follows an interview the Shabeelle Media Network had with chief of the Boqol Horre sub-clan [of the Digil and Mirifle] in which the elder vociferously criticized the Speaker of parliament and the way he was overseeing the efforts to set up an administration for the district of Baydhabo.

The Boqol Horre clan chief accused the Speaker of ignoring the right of the Boqol Horre sub-clan to be represented in the 21-member administration to govern Baydhabo.

This is the first time for Radio Shabeelle, which is a moderate and independent radio station, to be shut down by an armed militia. The radio has in the past broadcast many interviews critical of the president, the prime minister and other figures in society, but has never faced any sanctions and transgressions. This is the first time the radio is being shut down for broadcasting an interview critical of the Speaker of parliament.

Meanwhile, some news just in indicate Radio Shabeelle is back on air in Baydhabo after the one-hour-and-forty minute siege was lifted. Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 22 May 06 (via BBCM via DXLD) WTFK?

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. French Guiana. Brother Stair, 13770 kHz, 5/21. Sign on at 2358 UT [5/20] with music and then Bro Stair stating that he will be on in one minute. Signal is S9+30 with no preamp. No station ID other than "Voice of the Last Day Prophet of God." and "Brother Stair." Refers to frequency as "thirteen seventy seven" from French Guiana. Requesting phone in reception reports to 1-843-538-6689. Mentions that he will not be on the air 5/22 UT but will be on during the day on Monday and Tuesday testing reception to the United States. Bro. Stair confirmed that they are sending the broadcast over the Internet to the station in French Guiana. I tuned over to 5745 kHz and am hearing the same broadcast as on 13770 (Jeff Imel, Muncie, IN,

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I listened to 13770 for a couple minutes around 0043 when he was talking about money. Current SW costs, which would be mainly WWRB and DTK, amount to $50K per month. Wants a few people to give him $100K, maybe as much as $1 million to cover adding more time on expensive MW stations such as WWVA, and presumably make these TDF broadcasts permanent, or as lasting as anything ever is with TOM. Why doesn`t he give the daytime test schedule to be followed next week, probably on different frequency?? VG signal as to be expected from 500 kW aimed this way. Too bad it isn`t employed for something worthwhile, such as BBCWS. TDF obviously has no taste in choosing clients ñ from Qaddafi to RGS. Scare`s rivals better watch out --- if he wants to jam them, TDF will be glad to accommodate. O, I forgot to tune around Monday during the 1600 UT hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. REE is finally in season: the 15385 broadcast in English at 00 holding up all the way to 0057* May 21. Excellent signal, and for a change VOA/Chicom jam co-channel not audible until Spain went off. Being UT Sunday, DX program, but tuned in too late just to hear Justin Coe ending it with the usual put-down of TV. We may hope that on the average, this transmission will keep working for two months or so, one each side of the solstice, before it starts fading out again (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15385, strong signal with superb audio for English service with the final part of DX World (?) and the theme song was the ``Radar Love`` mentioning it was covered in the 80s by White Lion and next they played a weak techno-sounding cover by some group named Oh Well. So bad version that they couldn`t avoid to play the original from 1974 by Dutch group Golden Earring. Remarkable that good sound from Noblejas transmitter (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, May 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. Darfur Salaam at 1710, Saturday, May 20. Strong on 17585 // 15515 very poor. Just Arabic talk and nothing of the goods songs other colleagues have reported (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, May 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAME [non]. Radio Boskopoe: Ol· amigos, Ouvida hoje (20/MAI/2006) das 14 UT, transmitindo atÈ as 15, a R·dio Boskopoe em 15540, com identificaÁıes aproximadamente a cada 15 minutos. Transmitindo em idioma vernacular e identificaÁıes provavelmente em holandÍs, sendo que durante as identificaÁıes citam a R·dio Netherlands e Suriname. Segue um pequeno trecho gravado da identificaÁ„o da mesma: http://il62m.multiply.com/music/item/58 73's! -- (QRA: ThiagoPM [PY2002SWL] QTH: Riacho Fundo-DF, Brasil, http://www.bsbdx.blogspot.com radioescutas via DXLD)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES [Bonaire / Surinam], 15540 at 2100-2200 UT. Surprisingly [good] signal here in Europe on 15540 at 2100 UT, S=9+10 dB. Sidelobe, away from main azimuth 133 degrees, (to Europe minus 90 degrees around 43 towards Stuttgart Germany). (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX May 18 via DXLD)

15540, RN's relay of the Suriname FMer, R. Boskopoe hrd 2230-2250 May 18 with good, a bit fadey signal. Mostly talk, mostly by man but occasional woman. At 2245, seemed news, surprisingly mentioning Osama bin Laden, a rather curious concern with world news in a supposedly flood ravaged country.

In fact, the entire tenor of the broadcast was quite cool and calm, no emergency announcements, etc. Programming mostly in presumed Sranan Tongo, which is the lingua franca of Suriname, universally understood. It sounds like a Dutch-based creole, as opposed to the other two creole lingos in use in the country, Aukan, which is the English-based pidgin and Saramaccan, the Portuguese-based creole, used, I would imagine, mostly in the areas adjacent to Guyana and Brazil, respectively.

One ID heard at 2235, as "Hier ist [sic --- that would be German] Radio Boskopoe," which probably could be either Dutch or Sranan Tongo. To me, it sounded like it is pronounced, BOHS-kep-oh. At 2254, into closing announcements in Dutch, then anthem and off at 2256. Bits of music between some talking (Don Jensen, WI, DXplorer May 18 via BCDX via DXLD)

Either these times are an hour off, confused by DST? Or RN also turned over the Dutch hour at 22-23 to Boskopoe, in addition to the new 21-22 relay on 15540. Or partially, as they apparently also included world news.

On May 21 I spot-checked the 2200 broadcast on 15540. I kept one ear on it while listening mainly to something else, turning up the volume every few minutes. All I heard was Dutch, at first talking about Aruba, and nieuws on the semi-hour, from RN. Nothing about Boskopoe noted this hour and nothing but Dutch (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. THE WORLD IN OUR HANDS --- The BBC World Service has endured some painful changes but its director, Nigel Chapman, is on a mission to prove they were essential for its survival

Owen Gibson, Monday May 22, 2006, The Guardian

There was a time when the BBC World Service, that 70-year-old beacon

of BBC values that Kofi Annan once called "perhaps the greatest gift to the world during the [last] century", felt under-appreciated back home. That is no longer the case, as shown by director general Mark Thompson making the BBC's global reputation a key plank of his argument for more licence fee cash, and the recent government white paper that specifically charged the corporation for the first time with "bringing the UK to the world and the world to the UK". Yet with increased profile comes increased scrutiny. . .

Link(registration required):
http://media.guardian.co.uk/mediaguardian/story/0,,1780023,00.html

or put www.guardian.co.uk into this site I have just found and access it without: Bugmenot, bypass compulsory registration:
http://www.bugmenot.com/
(Mike Barraclough, UK, May 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Humph. Shortwave can be "crackling" at times, especially when one is trying to DX, but listening to a broadcaster targeting a particular region yields a generally decent signal. Even though the audibility scores for the BBCWS in North America were apparently lower than elsewhere in 2000-2001, before the closedown of most relays targeting NA, the BBCWS was generally easy to hear for a good 10 hours/day. Other than the pejorative comment regarding shortwave -- the Guardian's comment, not the BBC's comment -- the article put the BBCWS in a generally favorable light (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD)

** U K. I thought the most complicated schedules were those of Bible Voice, FEBA, etc., but the "new star" is BBC Russian.

Now what I heard: BBC Russian Europe
1400-1530 MF 9635, 11845, 13690, 15245
1530-1630 daily 13690
1530-1600 MF 9635, 11845, 15245
1600-1630 daily 9635, 11845, 15245
1630-1700 daily 9635, 11845, 13745, 15245
1700-1900 Sa, Su 9635, 11845, 13745, 15245 (from 1800 7325)
1900-2000 Sat 5875, 7325, 9635, 11845

BBC Russian to Central Asia (another program in Russian)
1833-1900 Sun 7325 only (May 1-15)
From 0200 to 0500 UT is as on the Internet (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX May 19 via DXLD)

** U K. 7320 DRM, ENGLAND, BBC World Service, 5/21 0603, News, Ray Nagin wins re-election as New Orleans mayor, new government in Iraq, marches in Jakarta, into program "The World Today", report on

Montenegro secession vote, excerpt from Nagin victory speech; audio spotty, about 60%, not enough to be comfortable listening but enough to get the gist of the programming; S/N ratio 16-21 dB, not good enough at the low end for full audio, but okay at top end for this 21 kbps signal (signal also includes multimedia and electronic program guide). (Ralph Brandi-NJ, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Could not reach the other online DRM schedules, but the one at VT
http://www.vtplc.com/communications/product.asp?itemID=1021&catid=486
says: 0600-1800 daily 7320 80 Europe 33 BBCWS English Rampisham
So at {80} degrees it`s hardly optimum for NAm (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. A LETTER TO KAREN HUGHES
http://savevoaenglish.blogspot.com/2006/05/letter-to-karen-hughes.html

May 16, 2006

The Honorable Karen P. Hughes
Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Ambassador Hughes, When we had dinner the other evening with Ambassador Jawad [Afghanistan to US], you mentioned that I might communicate directly with you. I appreciated the offer and will now take advantage of it. I did have something I wanted to discuss with you, but I did not think the ambassadorís residence was the right place.

I know that you have no line responsibility for the Broadcasting Board of Governors but Secretary Rice is a member and you are close to the White House. I think that the proposed cuts in the budget of the Voice of America, that would lead to the cancellation of VOA radio broadcasts in English and a number of other languages, are ill-advised.

I am particularly concerned with the decision to eliminate all Turkish language broadcasts.

The FY 2007 budget contains contradictory language: BBG states that it is directing its focus to broadcasts towards the greater Middle East, while eliminating the Turkish service. This would eliminate Turkish radio, television and Internet broadcasts.

As you know from your visit, anti-American sentiment remains strong in Turkey. The film "Valley of the Wolves ñ Iraq," which depicts Jewish American doctors encouraging the murder of Iraqis so they might

harvest their organs to sell in ``New York and Tel Aviv,`` is but one example.

It is, moreover, the most popular Turkish film ever produced. Recent polling data indicates that over 60 percent of Turks have a "very" or "somewhat" unfavorable sentiment towards the United States according to a recent Pew survey.

This is in a nation that has the second largest armed forces in NATO, and whose assistance we will require in crafting effective policies in Iraq, in Iran and in regards to energy policy, particularly oil and gas shipments from Russia.

This is also at a time when Arabic Al-Jazeera TV network is launching Turkish language broadcasts; Chinese state radio is bolstering its Turkish service; and Iranian state radio continues to broadcast daily 4 hours in Turkish.

I know from my frequent travel to Turkey that the Turkish Service is a winner. It has launched a weekly television program -- broadcast via the 24-hour news network TGRT --; it has increased its listeners over the commercial NTV radio and maintains a popular website.

VOA Turkish continues to be a source of news and is regularly cited in the Turkish press. (Interviews with US officials, for instance, are widely circulated.) Turkey is the single democratic success among the Turkic speaking nations, including the oil and gas states of the Caspian Basin; it is a secular state with close ties to Israel and ñ despite some rough periods in the last three years ñ has been an important American ally in Korea, Afghanistan and the Balkans.

I hope you will weigh in with those that can alter this decision. As the only truly democratic state with a Muslim population, this is not the time for the U.S. government to slice an important public diplomacy asset.

Respectfully,

Barry B. R. Jacobs
Director, Strategic Studies, American Jewish Committee
1156 15th Street, NW, Suite 1201
Washington, DC 20005 (Save America`s Voice blog May 20 via DXLD)

** U S A. [non; CYPRUS/GREECE] Radio "Together" (Sawa) or with some new name was not on the air 0000-0101 UT on May 14th, not on 990 CYP, neither 1260 GRC. Heard only on KWT 1548 (but reduced power!, weak signal) and DJI 1431 with two different musical programmes and common two minutes of news at 0045 UT. So on 1260 was "Arabia Saudia" \\ 1440

only (May 14) (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX May 19 via DXLD)

1260 was the now defunct Rhodes transmitter, but what about Cyprus 990 relay? Have heard nothing about it closing (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. WWCR timing seems to have become a lot more flexible, at least concerning WOR. Sat May 20 the scheduled 1600 UT broadcast on 12160 started some 6 minutes late, as I was listening on the mp3 stream, which entails a further delay, but how much? For the UT Sunday 0230 broadcast also on WWCR-3, tuning in a bit late, I compute that it must have started on 5070 at 0234, and was 3 minutes behind on the stream starting at 0237. So as the saying goes, if you don`t hear us at the scheduled time, don`t give up (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WRMI, 9955, Sat May 20 at 1311, fair signal but modulation level low, not commensurate. Signal was enough to overcome RTTY on 9960 if carefully sidetuned. Jeff White was interviewing Allen Graham, and someone else named John. I believe AG was recently in Miami for some conference. He talked about podcasting, and his responsibilities at HCJB other than DXPL, including overseeing indigenous language broadcasts. Another one is to be added (on SW?) next year, Aw·, it sounded like, correct spelling unknown. Was this Viva Miami, or just a fill program? It`s still impossible to look up a program schedule on the WRMI website.

[Later:] Jeff says it was VM, and he will try to get a new program schedule together next week (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7415, 0437 24/4, WBCQ good in English with World of Radio, ID 0445 then off ñ CC (Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, ATS 803A, 60m horizontal loop, May NZ DX Times via DXLD) UT Monday

** U S A. Reminder of this imminent show, UT Sunday: 0500-0800 WBCQ SHORTWAVE OVERNIGHTS --- Free Speech Rock and Roll Hosted by the Timtron 7415. Any comments about it? (Glenn, 0444 UT May 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] After the Church of the Subgenius Hour of Slack on WHUS, I tuned in WBCQ 7415 just in time to hear it signing off at 0500! What happened? Did anyone hear the show last week, which was supposed to be its initial airing? (Glenn, ibid.)

I was expecting to hear something too, but to my disappointment no signal from WBCQ after 0500 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ibid.)

I then looked around the WBCQ fora for info about this, but found nothing. Did find other info, below (gh, DXLD)

Re: [dxld] WBCQ new show imminent [not]
Date: Sun, 21 May 2006 20:18:22 -0400

Dear Glenn, Last minute cancellation, no one to fill in (Allan Weiner, WBCQ, May 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re MICHAEL KETTER: I got a chance to visit Michael on Sunday with my friend Captain Ganja. He was awake and alert and looks good. He's still in a deep coma, but he's definitely able to comprehend what's going on around him. Plans are in place to move him from the extended care facility where he's been for several months to his home in Pittsburgh. This should take place in about a month or so. He's receiving excellent care and Gina is by his side all the time. Getting home should be good for Michael and the family; I can tell especially that the Club 230 cats, Merlin, Putt-Putt and Zoron the Tan Beastie, miss him very much. I'm hoping, as we all are, that being home will give Michael the extra karma he needs to get back to us as soon as he can (Larry Will, cosmikdebris, May 1, http://rfma.net WBCQ Forum via DXLD)

Yup... Cosmik witnessed how good Michael is doing and hopefully he'll snap out of that coma soon. Having him back here at the Club 230 will hopefully be the key that unlocks him from his condition. If anybody can make a comeback, then Michael has the powerful mind to accomplish this feat. Please keep our great friend in all your prayers or whatever you do to generate that positive energy flowing his way. Thanks mannnnnn. End transmission (Captain Ganja, ibid.) And this:

** U S A. WBCQ-BECKER BROADCAST SYSTEMS-Video Channel --- All kinds of stuff will be here, some related to WBCQ like, "RNI The Video" and maybe a feed from the studio, and video Not related like, Hour of Slack, Zappa concerts, conspiracy vids and the like. NOW PLAYING: Offline http://remoteradio.kicks-ass.net:9082/ (May 21 via DXLD)

** U S A. At http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/swfreqsimple.html is mention of ``PATRIOT/MILITIA: evenings 7415/5085/6890/5070/7580`` Is that still on the air after the man behind this was jailed (UPR)? (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, May 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Horacio, I`ve noticed this strange listing too. It is only a general reference to licensed frequencies which carry that type of programming, part of the time, encompassing WBCQ, WWRB, WWCR... 7580 is not currently on the FCC schedule; don`t recall what station that might have been. United Patriot Radio and its operator are certainly long gone. 73, (Glenn to Horacio, via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Re 6-076: 7340 Family Radio, espaÒol

Probably changed frequency (and perhaps site as well)? This transmission originated from Belarus in July 2004, then on 7350. At the same time Family Radio launched also various other transmissions to Central/Western Europe via CIS facilities (Grigoriopol, Tashkent, Gavar, Samara), brokered by Radioagenstvo-M in Moscow, so they may be easily moved from one country to another. (/Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saludos cordiales, hoy 20 de Mayo a las 1910 se escucha a Family Radio en espaÒol por la frecuencia de 7340, se aprecia fuerte interferencia de Radio Internacional de China en portuguÈs por 7335; he chequeado en 7440 y no hay emisiÛn alguna. Parece pues que se trata de un nuevo servicio y no se trata de ninguna transmisiÛn accidental (JosÈ Miguel Romero, ibid.)

Tuned in 7340 just at 2000 sharp and heard the Family Radio sign on theme overlapping with Voice of Russia in Serbian (via the Popovka / Krasny Bor station near St. Petersburg), both with roughly equal signal levels here. Family Radio audio finally cut off at 2001 but the carrier stayed on until 2006, of course disturbing the VOR transmission (Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also today Family Radio in Spanish is on air from 1900 on 7340. Strong signal and excellent modulation without western-style multiband compression. At the same time there is no signal on 7440, so this is apparently a frequency change for the scheduled transmission via one of the three sites around Moscow (around = up to 100 km away). (Kai Ludwig, May 21, ibid.)

** U S A [non]. Auf dieser Transmundial Seite gibt es eigentlich nur einen Hinweis auf TWR / ERF weltweit, auch nach SuedAfrika, aber nicht CVC. http://www.transmundial.com.br/internacional.php3

4990 CVC via Meyerton-AFS. --- Warum sollen die aus Afrika nach Brasilien senden? und dann noch auf dieser niederen Frequenz ueber diese Entfernung, wenn sie eine eigene starke HARRIS Station in Chile mit 100 kW Sender aus Pinochet's Zeiten haben??

Aber auch im suedlichen Afrika leben Millionen Portugiesisch sprechende Schaefchen, die von irgend einer fundamentalistischen US Mission bekehrt werden sollen. Und da klingen die Aussendungen halt Brasil.-Portugiesisch, weil man die Dateien vom Brazildienst hernimmt.

CVC und Transmundial - ist das eigentlich der gleiche Verein? Glenn fragt danach, Transmundial ist mir aus TWR Bonaire Zeiten als TWR Branch fuer Suedamerika bekannt, vor 20-30 Jahren (Wolfgang B¸schel,

May 14, wwdxc BC-DX May 21 via DXLD)

** U S A. Re 6-076, status of KRTS 93.5 Marfa TX: Hi Glenn, Their publicity got a bit ahead of the licensing process - they still don't even have a valid CP, much less a license (or even call letters!), and are not on the air, so far as I can tell. s (Scott Fybush, 100000watts.com for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. RADIO FILTH STARTS IN CORPORATE SUITES Sunday, May 21, 2006

So another foul-mouthed, miscreant misogynist makes headlines for spewing venom over the public airwaves. What else is new? Most of these lowlifes get away with it by hiding behind the First Amendment. And the rare few who get public wrist-slappings just lay low for a while, only to return more obscenely rewarded than before.

But, as repugnant as they are, these morally bankrupt millionaires can't be held solely responsible for taking the money and running (off at the mouth). The lion's share of blame must be placed at the feet of the broadcast industry itself.

The crux of the issue was captured in an editorial cartoon in these pages on the morning after the most recent jaw-dropping debasement. Two fat cat executives at Clear Channel Radio are having a private conversation. A computer screen in the background reveals a graph depicting soaring profits. Suit No. 1 says, "There's a lot of publicity about our hip-hop deejay threatening a little girl with sexual violence." Suit No. 2 responds, "So we can increase our ad rates?"

I know these guys. I worked for them. They would look the other way at any kind of perversion that helped them squeeze a quarter of extra profit between last quarter and this quarter. It's in their interest. But that is not what the framers of the Constitution had in mind, nor is it what the founders of Federal Communications Commission meant by the phrase "public interest."

Here's the problem: Unregulated, uncontrolled radio makes so much money doing its worst that it simply can't afford to do its best. Since 1996, an orgy of consolidation has helped fuel a 34% decline in the number of owners, a 90% rise in the cost of advertising rates, and - not coincidentally - a rise in the number of indecent broadcasts.

And the public is complicit. In the face of these trends, too many of us have turned down the volume on our own voices, settling for a kind of radio that, for the most part, replicates the industry view of what it should be. It doesn't help that the FCC continues to be populated primarily by appointees sympathetic to the broadcasting industry and

often employed by the broadcasting industry when they step down. Conflict of interest, anyone?

Rampant deregulation has created this mess - and only reregulation can get us out of it.

Proponents of the status quo claim that market forces can effectively regulate radio. But local radio run from the corporate suites of a few huge conglomerates inevitably plays to the lowest common denominator at the expense of those elements of society that advertisers aren't interested in reaching, most notably the poor and the elderly.

But not just the poor and the elderly. Consider this: at this writing, New York City, the supposed broadcasting capital of the world, does not have a full-time country, jazz or oldies radio station. That's serving the public?

If we aim our fire at one loose cannon like deejay Star, we will fail to see the real problem: an insatiable media conglomerate swallowing up anything with a transmitter pulse in its path, with the implicit blessing of the governmental organ charged with protecting the public interest. Couple this with a sleeping, yawning, apathetic, politically inactive populace, and you get exactly the kind of radio you deserve: greedy, monopolistic, homogenized, irrelevant and - yes - obscene.

Pete Fornatale is a 40-year veteran of the New York radio wars whose "Mixed Bag" program can currently be heard on WFUV and XM satellite radio (NY Daily News via Brock Whaley, DXLD)

** U S A. I watched KATC-3 [Lafayette LA] sign off last night at 0110 [CDT?] with the SSB played as well, and was thinking, hmmm, you don't see that much any more. I wonder how many stations still sign off at night? None of my locals, that's for sure. Remember John Combs' SSB DX aids?! Those were the good old days (Jeff Kruszka, B,ton Rouge LA, May 20, WTFDA via DXLD)

Some stations in Illinois did things differently --- WIRL ch. 19 Peoria signed off with a choral version of "There's a Place for Us", and WILL ch. 12 Urbana always signed off with the Illinois state anthem "Illinois, Illinois". BTW, the last time I checked, WGN-TV ch. 9 Chicago played the SSB every morning right before five o'clock, when they do their morning sign on announcement (even though they no longer sign off).

WICD ch. 15 Champaign, Illinois signs off once a week, usually very early on Sunday morning. The transmitter is left on with color bars. I believe their sister station WICS ch. 20 Springfield does the same. WHBF ch. 4 Rock Island, Illinois signs off nightly, at least as of

last year they did.

Amazing stuff! http://www.jawtoons.com/sign-offs/index.html
(Curtis Sadowski, Paxton IL, ibid.)

Last I knew WHOI-19 in Peoria is still carrying "Everybody Loves You" with Rev. Yokum every night right before sign-off. I'm not sure how longs he's been doing it, but he's been on since 1983 when I moved here. The show's graphics look very 50s-60s-ish. The Rev. Yokum is a really interesting and insightful person and he's also pretty non-denominational which is another plus.

I have about 45 minutes of TV station sign ons and sign offs taped in 1964 (with some Sermonettes included). They are all on one reel-to-reel tape which has been converted to mp3, but it needs to be edited so that each has its own mp3 (Jeff Kadet, Macomb IL, ibid.)

Hi Jeff, I often watch WHOI in the middle of the night, and I assure you he's still there. I moved Downstate in 1980, I remember him being on back then. These days they don't sign off as much (they still were last year), but they sandwich the sermonette in sometime in the early hours (Curtis Sadowski, ibid.)

KCPT-19 and KCPT-DT 18 in Kansas City, Missouri still sign off overnight. Usually around 1 a.m. Also I have seen KRSC-35 in Claremore, Oklahoma sign off in the not too distant past. Can't get them normally but assume they still are off late night. Their sign on is somewhat late but I don't recall what it is. They are a non-commercial station, but not PBS as nearby Tulsa has KOED-11 as the PBS station in the area (Dave Pomeroy, Topeka, Kansas, ibid.)

I would say that a lot of PBS stations/networks still are not 24h. OETA in OK is not; sign-off just after local midnight with SSB and High Flight, the last I noticed, then color bars for a few minutes, before opening up their channels (13 at least) for DX. Except on Fri, Sat nights when movies of variable length run later. On OKC cable they run 24h with PBS overnite repeats. KPTS-8 Wichita, I believe also runs the PBS overnite on air (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A decent number of PBS affiliates still sign off. I recently made a list of stations that still sign off thanks to some sheer boredom, I won't bore you with the entire list, but here's some "highlights":

All 3 big 3 affiliates in Louisville, KY sign off at least once a week. The only two major-network affiliates, WBOC and WMDT, in Salisbury, Maryland, sign off at least once a week.

KSMO in Kansas City, MO appears to be the only station in that market

which still signs off at least once a week.

WKRC in Cincinnati, OH, appears to be the only station in that market which signs off at least once a week.

Ditto for KOCO in Oklahoma City, OK.

All three "big 3" network affiliates in Salt Lake City, UT sign off at least once a week.

KCWY, et al, appears to be the only station in Wyoming that still signs off at least once a week (Cary Gaul, Cherry Hill, NJ, ibid.)

Newspaper and online listings can be misleading about this. Zap2it.com listings for KOCO-5 do not show any off time. However KOCO`s own website, http://www.channeloklahoma.com derived from titan, does show off time only as 4:35-5 am Sat and 4:30-5 am (CT) Sundays. Going back to zap, this is labeled ``promo filler`` at 4:35-5 am Sat & Sun. So do they really drop carriers? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I rolled tape on KOCO, at 4:30-5 am CT Sunday. No break in transmission; ran infomercial starting at 4:37, ``Mountaintop Ski and Snowboard Series`` sponsored by Aspen, etc. However, I was taping this off local cable, which gets satellite feed, rather than OTA channel 5 as I needed to tape some other stuff off cable overnight (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also PUBLICATIONS

** U S A. Louis Rukeyser Obit:
http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060504/NEWS08/605040421/1010/NEWS
My favorite Louis moment was the Christmas show where he held up a Cabbage Patch Doll like it was a hot potato (Larry Russell, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA: PODRIAN CERRAR MAS DE 3.000 RADIOS SIN LICENCIAS.

M·s de 3.000 emisoras de radio que funcionan de manera ilegal en Venezuela podrÌan ser cerradas en los prÛximos dÌas mediante severos procesos judiciales, anunciÛ Trino PÈrez, representante del Centro de Desarrollo e InformaciÛn en Telecomunicaciones de la ComisiÛn Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (Conatel).

El funcionario destacÛ que estas estaciones "no est·n ni siquiera en proceso de legalizarse". "Estamos ejerciendo medidas de cierre, de presiÛn y de llamado a la conciencia", seÒalÛ. El ente informÛ que se han descubierto barrios venezolanos que tienen hasta cuatro estaciones clandestinas que ocupan cualquier lugar del dial.

Antes de la instalaciÛn del acto denominado "Primer DiagnÛstico Social Participativo de los Medios Alternativos", celebrado en la biblioteca p˙blica Luis Fadul Hern·ndez, adonde acudiÛ como invitado especial, el representante de Conatel destacÛ que estas estaciones "no est·n ni siguiera en proceso de legalizarse".

"Esas emisoras, por conciencia propia, deberÌan cerrar antes de que las mandemos a cerrar", sugiriÛ. Y advirtiÛ que de mantenerse esa situaciÛn, el ente proceder· de la misma forma como lo hizo contra Radio Rumbos, en Caracas, y Radio Yaracuyana, en San Felipe.

ExplicÛ que Conatel tiene competencias tomar esas medidas, y por lo tanto emprender· acciones judiciales contra todas las emisoras que operen de manera ilegal.

PÈrez revelÛ que el organismo procesa aproximadamente 1.300 solicitudes de habilitaciÛn de emisoras comunitarias. "En Barinas, y en toda Venezuela, estamos ejerciendo medidas de cierre, de presiÛn y de llamado a la conciencia", seÒalÛ.

El funcionario se negÛ a revelar los nombres de las estaciones que podrÌan ser sancionadas, aunque sugiriÛ a los periodistas que revisaran la p·gina web del ente.

Trino PÈrez seÒalÛ que algunas emisoras comunitarias han violado las leyes de Telecomunicaciones y de Responsabilidad Social en Radio y TelevisiÛn.

"La gente ha tomado la alternativa de la revoluciÛn, creyendo hacer todo lo que quiere, cuando todo no debe hacerse por ese camino", acotÛ el funcionario, quien aÒadiÛ que Conatel ha estado explicando a esas estaciones los procedimientos para legalizar su situaciÛn.

Seg˙n PÈrez, en muchas parroquias del paÌs funcionan hasta cinco emisoras comunitarias. Se han descubierto barrios que tienen hasta cuatro estaciones clandestinas que ocupan cualquier lugar del dial. Fuente: El Nacional - Medios Latinos vÌa RadiodifusiÛndata.com (Via Claudio Morales / Argentina, CondxiÛn Digital May 21 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. On 4950, May 20, 1025-1116, threshold level, at 1025 seemed to be in English (Australian accent?), with man talking, very poor (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNID on 4950, May 21, 1027 clearly in English, with Christian religious program, weak. Could this be Catholic Radio Network (CRN), off their usual 4960? May 21, 1102-1125 man preaching in English, 1125-1130 classical music, 1130 sounded like Catholic religious service. Still too weak to ID (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

UNID on 4950, May 22, 0924-0936, sounded like a Catholic Church service, mentions ``Join us tomorrow`` and gives a PO box number, weak, could only catch a few words, piano music before BoH (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, CRN was apparently on 4960 as late as May 16: (gh)

4960, unID English religious show 0830 gone by 0905 16/5; any ideas? (John Wright, Cataract Scout Park [NSW?], Australian DX News via DXLD) Very noisy, but fading in and out with church service ñ preacher talking, then congregation responding, but unable to determine the language due to poor conditions. Heard at 0920, 16/5 (Dennis Allen, ibid.)

The answer is pretty close to home, guys; Catholic Radio, PNG. A difficult one, though, despite its proximity -cs (Craig Seager, ADXN ed., via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Unknown country and unknown station, 13640, 2235, Japanese, 333, May 19, Two YLs with ongoing comments. NO ID was heard (Stewart MacKenzie, WDX6AA, GRDXC via DXLD)

Wonder if this has anything to do with the WHRI/Merlin tests we have been hearing on 13640 at 2200? Not, it`s just CRI as scheduled in Japanese 22-24 per EiBi. I wish people would look up listings in EiBi, HFCC, etc., before concluding something is unID. Of course, it`s always best to get an ID by listening, but many of these can be 99.9% identified by checking listings (gh, DXLD)

Re 6-077: ``Today I got to 13640 in time to hear Merlin music at 2214, and it went off at 2215. Not very strong here. Surprising that it`s WHRI (gh)``

I think that then WSHB already ran transmissions for the then Merlin Communications some years ago, and if memory serves right the transmitter site showed up in their schedules as "Furman". So this would be not really new, but of course still the question about the potential customer behind these tests remains (/Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I was ready and waiting on 13640 from 2157 TO 2202 UT May 20: none of this, so no test on a Saturday? I did, however, hear Japanese weakly, as above (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13640 CRI Japanese via Jinhua, 500 kW, 59 degrees, daily 2200-2357 UT.

13640 2200-2215 is coming from VT-Merlin Cyprus site. Usually BBC Arabic uses Cyprus at 280 degrees antenna towards TUN, ALG, MRC, -- but I guess now also far westerly towards Latin America?

280 degrees +0 offset, 295 degrees +15 offset. GEOCKWIN shows 280 degrees to VEN, CLM, EQA target. 295 deg to CUB, JMC, NCG target. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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PUBLICATIONS
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SISTER NZ DX CLUB TO CLOSE --- NEW ZEALAND DX RADIO ASSOCIATION

In their latest issue of 'Tune In Radio Bulletin' the New Zealand DX Radio Association (NZDXRA) has the following announcement from their National President ROGER PRYDE.

"It is with some sadness and regret that I as your President must inform you the New Zealand DX Radio Association Inc will be wound up over the remainder of the year and ending by 31 December 2006"

"Some of the main reasons, a gradual decline in membership greater than joining members, over the past 10 years maintenance costs and general overall costs have risen, we reached our break even point some years ago."

"The understandable, but not unexpected resignations of 3 major office bearers, RUSSELL DICKSON, HQ Secretary, RON KILLICK long standing editor/CCC, JOHN CHAPMAN Amateur/Utility Editor. No sign of replacements on the radar has compounded our problem"

I am sure members of the League will join me in expressing regret in the closing of the NZ DX Radio Association which is one of the oldest DX Clubs in the World.

The NZ DX Radio Association is another casualty in the Worldwide decline in the hobby with other DX Clubs Worldwide either closing due to a decline in membership, being unable to get editorial staff for their magazine, or in some other recent cases due to increasing print and postage costs, discontinuing their print magazine in favor of an electronic only publication (May NZ DX Times of the NZ Radio DX League, via DXLD)

BETA VERSION OF CHANNEL 2 TO 6`S SEEN FROM MACOMB, IL

http://oldtvguides.com/loband/ (disregard the dates)
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(Jeff Kadet, WTFDA via DXLD) Gallery of DX photos

23 TV S/ONS & S/OFFS TAPED IN 1964 FROM BOSTON

on new website now: http://www.oldtvguides.com/analog/

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NEWFOUNDLAND DXPEDITION 16, APRIL 11 - 19, 2006
Round Cove, Cappahayden (46 53'N 52 57'W)
Logs by Jean Burnell and Bruce Conti

Receivers: Drake R8A (with RCA Lyra mp3 recorder), Drake R8B (with MWDX-5 phasing unit, Pogo Radio Your Way LX mp3 recorder), Icom R71A (with Radio Shack cassette recorder).
Antennas: 350 m towards northern Europe, 350 m towards eastern Brazil.
http://members.aol.com/baconti/nfdx16.htm
(via Bruce Conti, NRC E-DXN via DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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WELCOME TO THE SECOND NATIONAL INDIAN DX MEETING

The DX clubs of Tamil Nadu, India are pleased to welcome DXers from all over Tamil Nadu, the India and worldwide to the 2nd National DX Meeting "All India Radio and International Radio Listeners Meet 2006," which will take place May 21 in the city of Jeyankondam, state of Tamil Nadu, India. Details on http://www.dxersguide.blogspot.com
(Sakthi Vel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

READING INTERNATIONAL RADIO GROUP

The next meeting will take place on May 27th in Room 3,
Reading International Solidarity Centre, 35-39 London Street, Reading.

The meeting programme will include talk and audio on a new book on the emergence of broadcasting in Britain including information on the earliest amateur pioneers, the history of Broadcasting House and new ways of listening to radio broadcasts such as podcasting and the BBC's plans for its integrated media player and use of peer to peer technology.

We will be in the Global Cafe/Bar from 1400 [BST = 1300 UT] and move into the meeting room at 1430. The meetings last about two and a half hours including a refreshment break. The meeting rooms are at the back, the entrance is via a small passage just behind the RISC shop or ask for directions in the shop or cafe. For further information email mikewb @ dircon.co.uk or phone 01462 643899 (Mike Barraclough, May 21, worlddxclub via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: BHUTAN; ECUADOR; RUSSIA; UK
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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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RADIO-FREQUENCY CHIPS COMING TO CATTLE
By BRIAN BERGSTEIN, AP Technology Writer Sat May 20, 8:46 PM ET

TULSA, Okla. - After growing up on a cattle ranch, John Hassell became an electrical engineer specializing in wireless technology. So he feels doubly qualified to offer this warning about the system taking shape to track cattle across America: It won't work.

To be sure, he doesn't quibble with the logic of the system. It stems from the Bush administration's plan to give agriculture inspectors the ability to pinpoint the origins of mad cow and other diseases within 48 hours. Livestock facilities and individual animals will get identifying numbers, which owners will use to document the beasts' movements in industry databases.

The system isn't expected to be fully online until 2009, but already it's clear that in the sprawling U.S. beef and dairy industries ó home to 100 million cattle ó many producers will automate data gathering with radio-frequency chips attached to cattle ears.

And that's what has Hassell worried. He contends most of the radio-frequency chips making their way onto cattle ears are a terrible fit.

Those chips ó based on the same radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology being integrated for inventory control by large retailers such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. ó are known as "passive" tags that broadcast identifying numbers for only a short range, generally just a few feet.

While cattle may be considered docile creatures, they are a lot more mobile and skittish than cases and pallets in Wal-Mart warehouses. Hassell believes only "active" tags, which broadcast identification data for up to 300 feet, will consistently work for the multiple

owners and many environments that cattle pass through, from pastures to stockyards, feed lots and slaughterhouses.

Hassell is so convinced that he's launched his own company, ZigBeef Inc., to sell long-range tags. The name is a play on the "ZigBee" wireless standard employed by his tags. . . [much more] http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060521/ap_on_hi_te/tracking_livestock (via DXLD) WTFK?

TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING
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FROM THOSE WONDERFUL FOLKS WHO BROUGHT YOU THE INQUISITION
http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/ATHEISM/inquisition.html
(via Mike Peraaho, DXLD) Long, but well worth reading!! (gh)

WEST POINT GRADS AGAINST THE WAR

Hmmm, I'll bet these people know what they are talking about! I wonder what George W. and company would say about them to discredit them?!
http://www.westpointgradsagainstthewar.org
--... ...--, (Thomas F. Giella, KN4LF, Lakeland, FL, USA, Grid Square EL97AW, May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###